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Gary Besaw, Chairman  
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 910  
Keshena, Wisconsin 54135-0910

Dear Chairman Besaw:

Thank you for your August 21, 2017 letter regarding the Back Forty Mine in Menominee County, Michigan. In response to your letter, I invite the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit process for the proposed Aquila Resources Inc. Back Forty Mine in Menominee County, Michigan.

I suggest that the consultation occur via conference call at the earliest mutually agreeable time. Peter Swenson of my staff will contact your office to obtain the name of your authorized representative for the consultation and to set up a time and date for the consultation.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Peter Swenson at (312) 886-0236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Kaplan".

Robert A. Kaplan  
Acting Regional Administrator